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### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**7 September 2020**

#### **BRIEFING NOTE:**

#### **SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – FOOD POVERTY**

### **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned Scrutiny Panel 1 to undertake comprehensive Scrutiny activity regarding food poverty
- 1.2 Membership of the Scrutiny Panel comprises Councillor Dennis Meredith (Chair); Councillor Cathrine Russell (Deputy Chair); Councillors Bottwood, Roberts and Smith. There are two co-optees to the Scrutiny Panel.
- 1.3 The scope of the Review was approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and evidence gathering has now re-commenced after being put on hold in March 2020.

### **2 UPDATE**

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Panel met in July 2020 and considered a number of conclusions and recommendations for inclusion in its final report. The Scrutiny Panel will meet again in September 2020 to finalise its report and the Chair will present this to the Committee at its November 2020 for consideration and approval.
- 2.2 In accordance with the Scrutiny Panel Protocol, the Chair of this Scrutiny Panel will provide written progress reports to future meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information.

### **3 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That the progress report is noted.

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